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TELEGRAMS.

HOME RULE.

THE AMENDING BILL.

[Reuter's Service To "The Telegraph."]

London. Received July 2.
In the House of Lords, on the motion for the second reading of the Home Rule Amending Bill, Lord Morley pointed out that Ulster's anger and disapproval of Home Rule, if they remained unabated, would lead to a revival of ancient religious dissensions, and place the new Government of Ireland at a great disadvantage. Consequently the Amending Bill had been introduced, and there could not be a better opportunity of discovering what amount of common ground existed. He did not believe that the House would reject the Bill.

Lord Lansdowne said the Bill was entirely inadequate to accomplish the purpose, but it was clear that something might be done at the present stage to avert a calamity, and they could not brush aside the overtures made by Lord Morley, who said amendments would be carefully considered in the House of Commons. They would give the Amending Bill its second reading, and introduce amendments to make it adequate in regard to the areas to be excluded, the duration of the exclusion, and the administration of the excluded area, but they would oppose the second reading of the main Home Rule Bill, which was hopeless. They entertained the Amending Bill because they were hopelessly entangled in the meshes of the Parliament Act.

Hopes of Settlement.

The conciliatory character of Lord Morley's and Lord Lansdowne's speeches have created a much more hopeful feeling of the likelihood of an Irish settlement, if only of a temporary nature.

Importance is being attached to the passage in Lord Lansdowne's speech to-night, declaring that the Opposition will confine their amendments to broad principles, leaving the Government to work out the details.

It is thought that this will make future private conferences between the parties inevitable.

Provisional Government.

A meeting of the Ulster Unionist Council is to be held at Belfast on the 10th inst. to discuss the formation of a Provisional Government in the event of Home Rule becoming law.

In the House of Lords, Lord Willoughby de Broke moved the rejection of the Amending Bill.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION.

BRAVE BRITISH WOMEN.

London. Received July 2.

Reuter's correspondent at Mexico City says it appears that the decision of Lady Carden, wife of the British Minister, to refuse to leave her husband resulted in the British colony remaining.

Sir Lionel Carden addressed the Britons, urging them to take what was perhaps their last chance to leave before the communications were cut. The men realised the wisdom of the advice, but the women, when Lady Carden refused to leave, told the Minister, "Nor shall we leave."

WELLS-BELL FIGHT.

MANY WOMEN PRESENT.

London. Received July 1.

There was a gathering of ten thousand people to witness the contest between Bombardier Wells and Colm Bell, which took place at Olympia, including hundreds of women. A person acted as Master of Ceremonies.

TELEGRAMS.

LAWN TENNIS.

BROOKES WINS FINAL.

[Reuter's Service To "The Telegraph."]

London. Received July 2.
In the final of the World's Lawn Tennis Singles Championship at Wimbledon, Brookes beat Fritzeheim by three sets to two and 29 games to 22. The scores were: -6-2, 6-1, 5-7, 4-6, 8-6. The winner now plays Wilding, the holder, in the challenge round.

OBITUARY.

LORD WEMYSS.

London. Received July 1.
The death is announced of Lord Wemyss.

[The deceased Earl was 95 years of age, and his youthful vigour has been the constant surprise and delight of the House of Lords. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. In the year that he took his B.A. degree (1841) he was returned to the House of Commons for the Eastern division of Gloucestershire, which he represented until 1846, when he resigned his seat, having abandoned the support of the protective Corn Laws, and become a convert to the Free Trade measures of Sir R. Peel. In August, 1847, he was returned as a Liberal Conservative for Haddingtonshire, which he continued to represent until his succession to the peerage; and was a Lord of the Treasury under the Aberdeen ministry, 1852-55, retiring with the Peelite party in February of that year from the administration of Lord Palmerston. As Lord Elcho, he took a very conspicuous part in the Volunteer movement, and he was an authority on various questions connected with the national defence and armaments. He was Colonel of the London Scottish Volunteers, and Chairman of the Council of the National Rifle Association, he frequently presided over the Wimbledon Rifle Meetings. He was also a Deputy-Lieutenant of Haddingtonshire since 1846. He succeeded to the Earldom of Wemyss on the death of his father, January 1st, 1883. His Lordship was the author of "Letters on Military Organisation," 1871. The heir to the title is Lord Elcho, formerly M.P. for Haddingtonshire and for Ipswich.]

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GENERAL NEWS.

California Volcano in Eruption. A Redding, California (Associated Press) despatch of June 1 says:—Mt. Lassen is in active eruption. A new crater 30 by 40 feet opened up last Saturday, according to reports made by forest rangers. Large volumes of steam and smoke are reported to be escaping from the crater, the residents in this section being in a state of terror as a result of the reports of the size of the crater and the fact that old Lassen is in eruption. Mt. Lassen is located in the Sierra Nevada range, between the counties of Plumas and Shasta and is 10,437 feet high.

Pensions for Mongolian Princes.

Owing to the reorganisation of the Bureau for Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs a large amount of funds has been expended, and in spite of repeated application for funds by the said Bureau, the Ministry of Finance has not raised a sufficient amount to cover its expenditure. In order to make both ends meet the Director of the Bureau has appropriated the pensions for the Mongolian princes. Now the princes claim their pensions but the Bureau has no funds to meet their demand. The Director of the said Bureau is now in a very awkward situation and requests have been made to the Ministry of Finance for funds to satisfy the princes.

Cigarettes Made Harmless.

Paris, May 30.—That upwards of fifty cigarettes daily, may be smoked without ill effects is asserted by Doctor Ambialet, a member of the Medical Committee of the Bouches du Rhône, who says he has discovered that the admixture of tobacco with the dried leaves of a little plant called "tussilage," or "ass foot," common throughout France, entirely removes the harmless properties of nicotine without affecting the taste and enjoyment of the smoker the only difference being a slightly aromatic flavor, frequently found in Turkish and Egyptian tobacco. Doctor Ambialet bases his assertion on practical experiments. He points out that the etymology of the word "tussilage" means cough chaser, indicating a soothing effect on the throat.

Shamrock IV in First Spin.

Portsmouth, June 4.—Shamrock IV, Sir Thomas Lipton's new challenger for the America's Cup, went out to-day for her first sail-stretching spin in the vicinity of Spithead. She was accompanied by Shamrock III. The wind was light and sulky, and inadequate to test the capabilities of the challenger. Under her huge mainsail and her single jib she manoeuvred handily, however, and picked up way quickly after tacking. The towering mast of the new yacht quite dwarfed that of the older Shamrock. Sir Thomas Lipton was on board the challenger, together with Charles E. Nibolsen, her designer, and William P. Burton, the amateur yachtsman who is to command her during the cup races in American waters. Although Shamrock IV made no attempt at racing to-day, she showed some fine turns of speed in a fitful breeze. The two Shamrocks are to be measured under American rules before they race, in order to determine the time allowance the challenger will have to give the older boat.

New Chinese Government College.

It is said that a new College will be established in Peking by the Ministry of Education. As the cost of constructing a new building is enormous and beyond the financial capability of the Ministry just now, the Ministry intends to rent the building at the Peichiao Liu-li-chang previously occupied by the Yu-Chang School. Now this building is the property of the Kiangsi Guild; therefore Mr. Chang Yin-chung, the Secretary of the Ministry of Education, has been sent to negotiate with the Kiangsi gentry in Peking as to the rent basis, as Mr. Chang happens to be a Kiangsi man as well. Whether any suitable arrangement will be arrived at between the parties concerned remains to be seen.

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POLO NOTES.
The Whitney Cup.

ESCAPE FROM A HAREM.

Turkish Husband's
Buttle Chase.

The victory of the 12th Lancers in the Whitney Cup establishes 1914 as a soldiers' season at polo, so does the *Globe*. The great polo merit is in the regimental teams. The Inter-Regimental Cup will all probability show us not only the chief interest of the season but also the best polo. The possibilities of the 12th Lancers were drawn attention to in the *Globe* last year, when they were somewhat unluckily defeated in their inter-regimental cup tie.

Now they have won the Whitney Cup by beating the 1st Life Guards, Captains L. H. Hardy, J. J. Astor, G. E. Miller Mandy, and Major Brassey. This last team (24 points) had in the semi-finals defeated Thornby, Captains A. Wells, Denis Bingham, Major E. H. Matthew Lannow, and Major Romer Lee (29 points). Two of these last players are up to international form, and the whole is a strong team, but the Life Guards, receiving 5 goals, beat them decisively by 14 goals to 6. This was a victory for sound combination.

Izzet Pasha called at his daughter's hotel with a couple of police officials, and promised the fugitive that she would have the fullest personal liberty if she returned. But the young lady declined, and even threat to disinherit her failed to move her. She had taken away with her her jewels worth £6,250, which she has deposited at a bank in Trieste, and her father now threatens that he will obtain an order from the Court for their delivery to him. Meanwhile the young lady, in the company of the wives of two Levantine gentlemen, is seeing life at Trieste.—*Globe*.

In some respects they remind one of the American "big four" in that they trust the goal a good deal to the guardianship of "back," and the three forwards (for in reality No. 3 is really a forward in this style of play) press on an unrelenting attack. I am convinced that this style of play will come more into fashion, because it will win matches for English, as it has done for American teams. No. 3 is no longer so much a half-back as a supporting forward. This presupposes a trustworthy back who can be depended on, and this Mr. Wyndham Quin is.

The earlier games of the season have drawn attention to this tournament, which has 20 entries. Three or four teams stand out from the rest—the 15th and 20th Hussars, the 12th Lancers, and the 1st Life Guards. The 12th Lancers and 20th Hussars are to play their tie at Colchester, and this should be one of the games of the season. The 20th, however, are not as fast a team as the 12th. I am not sure that it is the ponies so much as the perfect combination of their No. 2 and No. 3 that makes them seem so fast a team. Captain Badger is a notable No. 2.

This is, after all, the position in which really first-rate players are rare. Our No. 2 players, except Captain Badger and Mr. Freake, lack finish in their play. Often brilliant, they fail to finish what they have begun. But the final will be, no doubt, between the 15th Hussars and 12th Lancers. I incline to the latter—although the 15th have Major Barrett and Mr. Osborne—because they will have played through the season together, which, of course, the 15th cannot do.

The Roehampton Cup has shown us some good polo, it has also incidentally shown the poverty of polo in 1914 in first-class civilian teams. The Old Etonians and the Old Cantabs are the best, the Woodpeckers ought to be good, but are not. The Tigers lack distinction in their play, the Pilgrims are not quite in the first class, and Thornby House is uncertain and not nearly so formidable as it ought to be. They suffered, as we have seen, a defeat from the 1st Life Guards, to whom they ought to give points. Of course the Roehampton managers wished for a first-class tournament of their own, but the tournament was not wanted, and put an extra strain on the already too many numbers of civilian players of the first class.

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THE OIL SHARE PURCHASE.

Apparently there has been some criticism of the decision of the Admiralty to purchase £2,300,000 worth of shares in the Anglo-Indian Oil Company. At a rate, Reuter cabled on Tuesday to the effect that Sir Edward Grey had strongly defended the purchase of the shares in the House of Commons. He stated that we had not got a single right which was not existing before the Anglo-Russian Convention, and he regretted that we could not get a supply from our Dominions. That is the whole point. So long as the Dominions cannot supply the Navy with this necessary fuel so long it will be imperative to obtain a supply elsewhere.

It is necessary for Britain to guard against a scarcity of the fuel, and not less against the oil trusts cornering the supplies, at a time when they are most needed, even though there is oil in plenty. Ever since the value of oil as a naval fuel became apparent the prices have steadily been raised until now they are nearly double what they were before. If oil becomes the chief fuel of the navy, as seems quite possible, the trusts would not be slow to take advantage of the fact and to make the Government using oil pay very heavily for its use. In these circumstances Mr. Churchill seems to have acted wisely and with daring, foresight. He was aided, of course, by the fact that the Anglo-Iranian oil company already existed, thanks to the business acumen of an Englishman who, some thirteen years ago, obtained from the Persian Government a concession for exclusive rights to work petroleum deposits over the larger part of Persia for a period of sixty years. A company was then formed and into that company, now in going concern, the British Government is to put its £2,300,000. In return it has first call upon the supplies of the company.

It is a pity, of course, that British money has to be spent in a foreign country for such a purpose, but that is unavoidable. The fact that the Government is made independent of the trusts quite outweighs any such drawback. If oil cannot be got inside the Empire, it is better to get it outside than not to get it at all. We do not suppose, again, that the decision of the Admiralty will result in Colonies giving up the search for oil in British territory. It may not exist, but, if it does, it is certain to be found; and the British Government is sure to make the utmost of any substantial find that is made. Meantime, Britain stands to lose nothing and to gain a deal by the purchase of these shares; and Persia also should gain in respect of the fact that the development of the oil company may lead to the development of other industries and so should set Persia an industrial example from which she may profit.

A Postal Brain Wave.

We have to remark the fact that the Post Office, if it is not exactly mending its ways, is at least changing its little tricks. This is intended, perhaps, to add a refreshing variety and spice to existence. On June 17 we stated quite frankly, in this column, that we were heartily tired of handling other people's letters, and that, if it happened again, we should have to speak straight out. That note appeared, to have served its purpose; its meaning seemed so unlikely to have penetrated the iron-plated official mind. No more stray letters have found their way into our box, and we feel that we had done a good work. To make a Hongkong official mend his ways would indeed be a triumph. But we were too optimistic. The Post Office, it seems, has only rested for a little until it could evolve some new scheme. Now it has found it. It now delivers our correspondence to other people who have done nothing to deserve this affliction. Only this morning it sent half a dozen papers, addressed to this office, to a private resident. Really, it might do better than merely vary an old trick. Cannot it devise something quite new? And cannot it give this office a long rest and try another for a change? Of course, if it does not mind the doubtful advertisement it secures in those frequent notes, we do not, even though we are getting tired of writing them.

Englishwomen and Dress.

It may not be amiss to draw our readers' attention to a reprint from an American paper headed "English-Gown Winner," which appeared in our last night's Extra. It will be seen that, at a dance in the Shinyo Maru recently, a prize was offered for the best-dressed woman, and that this prize was carried off by an English lady. Incidentally it may be observed that the victorious lady's gown is described as not having "the slightest suggestion of a slit," while among the other competitors "ordinary—and extraordinary—slit skirts were in evidence." Without wishing to discuss skirts, whether slit or unslit, we would like to remark that this is not the first time that the old silly statement about Englishwomen's not knowing how to dress has been disproved. Of course there may have been, at some time or other, reasonable foundation for this belief, but of late years we rather fancy that it we are inclined to think that there are some few hundreds of Englishwomen who, in point of personal appearance, breeding, and elegance of dress, can give the ladies of other nationalities a fairly long start.

Unionists and Nationalists.

Serious as the situation in Ireland threatens to become at any moment, it is hard to refrain from laughing at the performances of the various volunteers and their officers. To-day a wire comes along informing us that General Richardson is issuing an order permitting the Unionist stalwarts to carry rifles in the street. We had thought that only Parliament could grant such a privilege as this. Truly the Radical Government is in a pretty pickle now. When Sir Edward Carson first started to set men playing at soldiers in Ulster any other Ministry than the present one would have put down such folly with a very decided hand. Now, having allowed Orangemen to arm themselves, without by your leave or with your leave, the Government naturally cannot prevent its own supporters in Ireland from doing the same; and so the last state of the country bids fair to be worse than the first. Verily the Radicals have paid a high price for the Nationalist vote in the House. We should imagine that they have long ago wished that Home Rule had been at the bottom of the sea before they were weak enough to promise it their support. Meanwhile we think we hear Mr. Redmond quietly chuckling.

France Annexes Islands. Paris, June 3.—The French Colonial Office to-day announced the annexation by France of the Wallis Islands, in the Southern Pacific. The group, consisting of about forty square miles of territory, with 4,500 inhabitants, has been a French protectorate since 1837. It lies northeast of Fiji. The cruiser *Kersaint* returned to Noumea, New Caledonia, on May 30, from a voyage to the islands. On board was the son of the king of the Wallis Islands, who had come to Noumea to thank the French resident for the acceptance by France of the sovereignty over his father's kingdom.

DAY BY DAY.

WE JUST SHAKE HANDS AT MEETING WITH MANY THAT COME NIGHT; WE NOD THE HEAD IN GREETING. TO MANY THAT GO BY.

BUT WELCOME THROUGH THE GATEWAY OUR OLD FRIENDS AND TRUE; THEN HEARTS LEAP UP, AND STRAIGHTWAY THERE'S OPEN HOUSE FOR YOU, OLD FRIENDS. THERE'S OPEN HOUSE FOR YOU! Massey.

The Weather. Lower level 8 a.m. Temp 84; sunshine.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp 77; sunshine.

The Mails. English Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Assaye to-day.

Canadian Mail.—Closed per s.s. Awa Maru to-day at 3 p.m.

German Mail.—The German Mail of May 27 was delivered in London on June 26.

Count the Columns.

Yesterday the Telegraph published 33 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 34 published.

The Langkat Output.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby inform us that the Langkat output for yesterday was 263 tons.

Details Arrive.

Twenty-three details of the 25th Panjabi arrived from Bombay by the Assaye to-day.

Chicago Maru's Cargo.

The Chicago Maru arrived from the Philippines with a cargo of 2,200 tons, consisting of flour, lumber and general merchandise.

Lady May's "At Homes."

Lady May will be "At Home" at Mountain Lodge on the following Tuesdays: July 28, August 11 and 25, and September 8, at 7.30 p.m. There will be tennis.

Explosive Matter.

Three Chinese from Yaumau were fined in the aggregate \$250, at the Police Court, this morning, for being in unlawful possession of explosive matter at Yaumau.

Not a Benson.

A photographer from Arsenal Street has reported that some one stole from a box in his house a watch and chain with a sovereign attached, valued at \$13 and \$10 in money.

A Haul of Pills.

The Hon. Mr. Hewett, of the P. and O., has reported to the police that some one stole from a box in his house a watch and chain with a sovereign attached, valued at \$13 and \$10 in money.

The Coat on the Wall.

A Chinese residing at Portland Street, Yaumau, has reported that whilst on a visit to a friend living at 80 Hollywood Road, he had stolen from his pocket, whilst his coat was hanging on the wall, a purse containing \$447.

Mixed Bathing in Public Baths.

The Lambeth and Camberwell Borough Councils have decided to increase the facilities for mixed bathing in the public swimming baths. More than half the metropolitan boroughs possessing public baths have adopted the practice, and a summary of information obtained from 10 of the London councils which provide open days at their public baths for mixed or family bathing shows that the facilities are much appreciated, and have in the majority of cases led to greatly increased receipts.

France Annexes Islands.

Paris, June 3.—The French Colonial Office to-day announced the annexation by France of the Wallis Islands, in the Southern Pacific. The group, consisting of about forty square miles of territory, with 4,500 inhabitants, has been a French protectorate since 1837. It lies northeast of Fiji. The cruiser *Kersaint* returned to Noumea, New Caledonia, on May 30, from a voyage to the islands.

Mr. Faithfull: I put it to you you were dismissed?

Mr. Russ:—Is Mr. Goldring going to be called?

Mr. Faithfull:—I will call him if necessary.

His Lordship:—I don't think you can call him.

Witness:—I have a testimonial from Mr. Goldring.

Mr. Faithfull:—I put it to you that on several occasions you came to the office under the influence of drink?—No.

His Lordship:—You were never drunk?

Mr. Faithfull:—We don't say he was drunk, but under the influence of drink. You never took drink in the daytime which made you sleepy in the office?—No.

Mr. Faithfull put it to witness that he had charged a broker, Sun Kai-shin, secret commission; this was denied by the plaintiff. Mr. Faithfull:—I suggest that in order to induce your employer to purchase the goods at a certain price, you agreed with the man that there should be a commission added to the contract price?—That is not possible.

His Lordship:—You did not go it?—I did not do it.

ALLEGED WRONGFUL DISMISSAL.

FORMER EMPLOYEE SEEKS TO RECOVER DAMAGES.

A Notice in a Newspaper.

This morning in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Hazelwood and a jury, J. M. Xavier, 25, Mosque Street, sued G. Martin of Queen's Road Central, to recover damages for wrongful dismissal and libel.

Mr. C. A. Russ, of Messrs. Goldring and Russ, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. R. O. Faithfull for the defence.

The jury was composed as follows:—Messrs. W. L. Fatten, A. Shelton Hooper and E. Ram.

Mr. Russ read the statement of claim, which alleged that the plaintiff was engaged by the defendant who wrongfully terminated his employment on May 5, 1914. On May 9, the defendant is alleged to have published the following notice in the *Tsun Wan Yat Po*.

"This is to notify all that this firm has heretofore employed a Portuguese named Xavier to look after the exportation of goods, and that he is dismissed from to-day. Those who are dealing with this firm in exportation of goods must in future make satisfactory arrangement with the compradore department of this firm, which will be taken as actual proof. In the event of the Portuguese obtaining samples of goods or ordering any goods outside under firms name, it shall have nothing to do with the firm."

told him there was no need for him to examine the goods. Plaintiff, however, did his duty and examined the cargo. On returning to the office the manager was out. The Chinese clerks would not allow plaintiff to go into his office, and the compradore told him to come back at 2.30 p.m. and see Mr. Bena. He did so and Mr. Bena told him he was dismissed and a compradore's order was handed him. Mr. Bena asked him to give a receipt in "full satisfaction." He would not do so, whereupon Mr. Bena took the order away.

Plaintiff, in the box, bore out his advocate's statement, and said the first trouble arose when the N.Y.K. made a mistake in freight charge. They charged \$25 where the sum should have been £100 odd. When he spoke of this to Mr. Bena, the latter lost his temper and told the plaintiff not to mention a word to the N.Y.K. saying he had nothing to do with it at all. The mistake had never been pointed out to the N.Y.K.

In the statement of defence it was denied that the defendant intended that not only the customers of the firm, but also the public, should understand that the plaintiff had been guilty of grave misconduct and dishonesty as employee of the defendant of such a nature as to make it lawful for the defendant to dismiss him therefrom, and was lawfully dismissed without notice by the defendant on that account, that he was a dishonest and untruthful person, that he would and was likely to attempt to obtain credit or goods by fraud from the customers of the defendant, that he had embezzled or stolen property of the defendant and that the plaintiff was not such an employee as any master would or should employ.

In the statement of defence it was denied that the plaintiff's employment was wrongfully determined, and urged that the defendant was justified in dismissing him from his service for the following reasons:—

1. Disobedience of orders in not attending defendant's office at 9 o'clock on the morning of May 5, 1914, but instead by attending there at 1.30 p.m.

2. For having been guilty of insobriety during business hours.

3. For inflating prices of goods purchased by defendant from customers by charging them a commission and for receiving such commission from such customers.

The defendant admitted that he inserted the notice complained of, but denied that he acted maliciously in so doing.

Mr. Russ said that the first intimation he had of the alleged insobriety was on May 21, when it was alleged that the plaintiff was drunk at a Chinese dinner in November last.

Outlining the story for the plaintiff, Mr. Russ said his client was engaged at the beginning of November by the defendant, as an export clerk. He had charge of the export business, he signed letters and conducted business, it being arranged that he should receive a 10 per cent. bonus on the business of the export department. He went along comfortably until April 8, on which date the Nippon Yawen Kaisha made a mistake in freight, in consequence of which the N.Y.K. lost £50. Plaintiff wanted to put the matter right but the manager said it would be advisable if the matter were not mentioned. On May 4 another consignment was due from the same firm of shippers by the N.Y.K.

On May 5 he went to the godown to examine the cargo, where he met a man named Ghezzi, an Italian who had some aspirations to the plaintiff's job. Ghezzi

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A BANKING VENTURE.

Shanghai Promoters Arrested.
Charged with Conspiracy to Defraud.

As our Shanghai correspondent notified by cable, Baron G. de Macar and H. L. Beechey, who recently appeared in H. M. Supreme Court in connection with the British and Belgian Industrial Bank bankruptcy proceedings, have been placed under arrest, and on June 28 the latter appeared before Mr. G. W. King in H. M. Police Court, at Shanghai. There were two charges against the prisoner, as follows:

"Harold Lancelot Beechey, and Ghislain de Macar, being evilly disposed persons, and wickedly devising and intending to defraud and prejudice certain persons, on October 5, 1912 and on other days between then and November 30, 1913, unlawfully did conspire, combine, confederate and agree falsely and fraudulently to cheat and defraud the said persons of diverse large sums of money; that is to say, in pursuance of and according to the said conspiracy, combination, confederacy and agreement you did promote and register a certain so-called bank, thereafter known and registered as the British and Belgian Industrial Bank of China, Ltd.; and did falsely pretend that such bank was established for the purpose of doing legitimate business in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association thereto communicated to the public. Whereas in truth and in fact the said bank was merely a fraudulent device for the purpose of obtaining money from Chinese and others, to wit: such persons as subscribed as shareholders and such persons as should be induced to make deposits with the said bank."

The accused was further charged that, being entrusted in or about November 1912, jointly with Ghislain de Macar and other persons, with certain monies, to wit: \$5,000 and £4,000, in order that he might retain the same in safe custody and repay the same to the depositors, O. C. Ching and C. O. Chang, fraudulently converted the same to the use and benefit of himself, Gi Island de Macar, and others contrary to the Statute.

Mr. A. G. Mossop appeared to prosecute, and said he proposed at this hearing simply to call evidence of arrest, and then ask for a remand.

Detective Sgt. Page gave evidence that he received instructions to apprehend the prisoner on a warrant. He arrested him at 2.30 at his residence, 52 Boone Road. Witness read the warrant over and cautioned him but he made no reply.

Mr. Mossop said he would be in a position to proceed with other evidence on Monday morning, and he therefore asked for a remand until then.

His Worship asked accused if he had anything to say, and accused replied that he had not.

On the question of bail, his Worship remarked that this was a serious charge, and he should require two British sureties of \$1,000 each.

Accused—Do you want cash? His Worship—They will have to be responsible persons and we don't have to be satisfied that they can produce the money if called upon to do so.

Mr. Mossop said he would not oppose bail if the sureties were satisfactory.

Accused was then remanded in custody of the British Gaol.

ATTACKED BY INDIANS.

Hawker Reports a Robbery near KENNIE'S M.H.

Wong Ming-uk, a licensed hawker of Chefoo and Shantung silk, has reported that when half a mile north west of Kennie's Mill on the 30th ult., three Indians attacked him and after pressing him down and hitting him across the back with a stick they fastened him up with the wrapper of his silk and with his strap, gagged him, and robbed him of \$20.50 in money, a metal watch and chain valued at \$2.65 and nine pieces of Shantung silk valued at \$51. They then ran away in the direction of Kennie's Mill.

SPECIAL CABLES.

(Special Pacific Service to the "Telegraph"—Reuter.)

CHINESE FINANCE.

THE LATEST PROPOSALS.

Peking, Received July 1. The loan of £8,000,000 is still being discussed but it appears likely that the members of the Quintuple Group will advance a sufficient amount of money to pay off the foreign short-term loans and will eventually arrange a new reorganization loan which will include these advances as well as the amount necessary for currency reform.

NEWSPAPER JUBILEE.

A SPECIAL ISSUE.

Shanghai, Received July 1. The N. C. Daily News in a special issue of twenty pages to celebrate its jubilee reproduces congratulatory messages from President Yuan Shih-kai and the French Premier.

MANCHURIAN CURRENCY.

Peking, Received July 1. M. Passeri, adviser to the Bank of China, has left for Mukden. He has been entrusted with the task of placing the currency of South Manchuria on a more solid basis.

ADVISER'S ILLNESS.

Tokyo, Received July 1. Mr. H. W. Denison, adviser to the Foreign Office, is lying critically ill in a hospital, of paralysis.

CHINESE PROVINCES.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE PLANS.

Peking. Received July 1. As a result of the recent military conferences the Tutuships have been abolished and Chiangobuhships created in their stead.

The majority of the present Tutus will become Chiang-chuns and each will act separately under the instructions of the Chiangobuhu (Board of Administration) at Peking. Henceforth the civil and military administrations will work entirely apart.

WEST RIVER FLOODS.

EMPERESS OF IRELAND FUNERALS.

Further Donations to the Relief Fund.

The Tung Wa Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Flood Relief Fund.

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Hong Nin Life Insurance Co. ... 200

Mr. Li Yuk Tong ... 200

Messrs. Yuen Shing Fat ... 200

Mr. Tam Pak Shiu ... 150

Tong Yat Chuen ... 150

Compradore, Netherlands Trading Society ... 150

Compradore, Messrs. Dowell & Co. ... 150

\$20,276

Stolen Explosives.

Three months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks was the sentence passed on a man charged at the Police Court, this morning, with stealing explosives.

Again Remanded.

The Filipino against whom extradition proceedings are being taken was again remanded at the Police Court, this morning.

Snatcher Sentenced.

A snatcher, who had also returned from banishment, was sentenced to six months, twelve months (sentences to run concurrently) twelve strokes of the cane, and four hours' stocks, at the Police Court, this morning.

Boatwoman Fined.

A boatwoman who failed to stop her boat when called upon by the police was fined \$5, at the Marine Court, this morning.

Want to Get Back.

William Herbert Hardeman was remanded at the Police Court, this morning, for being a stowaway from Manila on board the Empress of Russia. He admitted the offence, saying he wanted to get back to America.

Stole a Clock.

A man who was caught stealing a clock from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home was sentenced to a month's imprisonment and four hours' stocks, at the Police Court, this morning.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

Entries for the Third Meeting.

Following are the entries for the third gymkhana meeting to be held at the Happy Valley on July 11:

Gymkhana Stakes.—Roman Chief, Vadeem, Matchlock, Roman Dahlia.

Once Round Handicap to be divided into A and B classes.

Nigerian Chief, Mascotte, Matchlock, Monarch Dahlia, Lickle Bird, Flying Kangaroo, Unity, Gilgwyn, Mallard, Sevington, Reliance, Amur Ra, Good Hop, Dunin, Fluke, Lorenzo, Valsalini, Pegasus.

Tent pegging.—Capt. Cee and Capt. Hattersley Smith, Lieutenant Mo. Gillowie, R.N., and Lieutenant Pope, R.N., Mr. Lawder and Lieutenant Wyndham-Quinn, R.N., Mr. Elwes and Mr. C. C. Clarke, Mr. Blason and Mr. Swire, Captain Hatfield and Mr. Rawlinson.

Polo Pony Scourry.—Armourer, Shanghai, Wincanton, Buttercup, Sniff, Flotilla, Magpie, Joy.

Ladies' Nomination.—Mr. Enos Seth, Mr. Beith, Mr. Hickman, Captain Cee, Lieutenant Pope R.N., Mr. Swire, Mr. C. C. Clarke, Mr. Carr, Mr. Gedge, Mr. Ferguson, Captain Hatfield, Mr. Elwes, Mr. Blason, Lt. Moses U.S.N., Mr. Rawlinson, Mr. Aston.

One and a quarter mile Handicap.—Reliance, Fickle Bird, Rosario, Sevington, Lorenzo, Gilgwyn, Roman Chief, Nigerian Chief, Amur Ra, Monarch Dahlia, Mascotte, Valsalini, Mallard, Dunin.

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"	Belgravia	17th Sept.
"	Brasilia	12th Oct.
Hamburg & Antwerp	Sudmark	4th July
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"	Goldenfels	12th July
Havre, E'dam & Hamburg	Emden	18th July
M'les, Havre, Bremen & Hamburg	Preussen	19th July
Hamburg	Hoerde	24th July
Havre, Emden & Hamburg	Silesia	29th July
Havre & Hamburg	Markomannia	5th Aug.
Genoa, Dunkirk & H'burg	Frisia	7th Aug.
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VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE via Sh'hai, Keelung, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Shimidzu and Yokohama ...	Awa Maru	THURSDAY, 2nd Capt. Tomingao T. 12,500 (July, at 4 p.m.

Destination.	Subject to Alteration Steamers.	Sailing Date
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane	Nikko Maru	WED., 29th Capt. Takeja T. 9,600 (July, at noon.
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1914

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Deep Water Bay Scheme.

Exclusive Lighting Rights Disapproved.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon in the Council Chamber.

There were present:—H. E. the Governor, Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G.

His Excellency Major General F. H. Kelly, C.B.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, Mr. C. Severn.

The Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. E. R. Hallifax.

The Hon. Attorney General, Mr. J. H. Kemp.

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe.

The Hon. Director of Public Works, Mr. A. F. Churchill.

The Hon. Capt. Supt. of Police, Mr. C. McIlvaine Messer.

The Hon. Mr. D. Landale.

The Hon. Mr. H. P. Pollock, K.C.

The Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, C.M.G.

The Hon. Mr. E. Shelling.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak.

Mr. M. J. Breen, Clerk of the Council.

Shaukiwan Water Works.

The following financial minute, recommended by His Excellency the Governor, was referred to the Finance Committee:—A sum of \$4,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong Water Works, Shaukiwan Water Works Extension.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee, subsequently held, the Hon. Colonial Secretary stated that the original estimate for the work was \$40,000, and up to the end of 1913 \$30,404 had been expended. The amount re-voiced, that applied to the Treasury by the work not being finished, was \$7,000 odd dollars, and there was provided in this year's estimates \$3,000, so that the actual amount required to complete the work, the total cost being under \$40,000, was \$3,051.80. They had asked for a vote of \$4,000 to be on the safe side.

The vote was approved.

Deep Water Bay Scheme.

The following resolution stood in the name of the Hon. Colonial Secretary:—

That this Council approves the draft agreement laid on the table on the 4th of June, between His Excellency Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong, and on behalf of the Government of the same (who and whose successors in office are hereinafter referred to as "the Governor") of the one part, and Messrs. Dennis & Bowley, Solicitors, (who and whose assigns are hereinafter called the Promoters) of the other part, with regard to a scheme for the development of a portion of the South of the Island of Hongkong, on condition that the promoters furnish to the Government satisfactory proof of their financial ability to carry out the scheme.

The Hon. Attorney General:—Sir.—The points raised at the last meeting of the Council by the Honourable Mr. Landale have been considered by the Government and it is thought undesirable that any sole or exclusive rights to supply electricity or gas shall be granted to the promoters. It is, therefore, proposed to ask the Council to approve the agreement only with certain alterations which I propose to explain shortly. A new draft of the agreement marked on the back "5th Draft Agreement" is laid on the table, and if honourable members will be good enough to refer to that I shall be able to explain shortly what the alterations now proposed are. The principal one is in article 24. The old draft of that article read

THE CANTON NOTES.

Exciting Scenes at the Bank of Kwangtung.

Yesterday, being the first day for the redemption of currency notes, was a busy one for the Bank of Kwangtung at Canton. Large crowds flocked to the building, everyone anxious to redeem his notes as quickly as possible. So great was the rush that the officials found themselves powerless to deal with it till the crowds had been made to understand that they must enter by one door and leave by the other. Naturally the classes most represented was the bankers, but, in addition, a large number of soldiers also figured. The scene was watched with no little curiosity and amusement by many Europeans.

It follows:—"The promoters shall have the sole right during the said term of 25 years to supply electricity and gas within the areas over which they have an option." That gives them a monopoly which it is now thought undesirable to grant. It is therefore proposed to insert the following article, which appears on the new draft:—"The Government shall during the said term of 25 years grant to the Promoters all reasonable facilities to enable them to supply electricity and gas in the areas over which they have an option: provided that nothing in this article shall be deemed to confer on the Promoters any sole or exclusive right to supply electricity or gas: provided also that the maximum rates at which electricity or gas shall be supplied shall be subject to the approval from time to time of the Government."

And consequently on that, sir, the proviso in article 23 will, of course, be deleted. That proviso, that article, to give the Government the power to sanction the laying of cables, mains, pipes and wires over the promoters' option areas. The proviso was to the effect that such wires, cables and mains should not be used for supplying electricity or gas within any areas in which the promoters have any sole right. The sole right having now disappeared under clause 24, the proviso becomes unnecessary. There are also, sir, two amendments in article 33. The first of these two is the insertion of the figures 10 to 20 to make section 10 as well as sections 11 and 12 of the Ordinance referred to apply to the tramway—the main tramway—which is contemplated by this agreement. Sections 11 and 12 of the Peak Tramway Ordinance deal with the procedure in case of the insolvency of the Tramway Company, and also provide for the purchase by the Government of the undertaking at the end of a certain number of years. Section 10 seems desirable to insert in any agreement relating to tramways. It refers to the procedure to be adopted in case the promoters should cease to carry on the undertaking of the tramway. In such case the section will give the Government power to determine their rights. The other amendment, sir, in that article relates to the feeding lines referred to in the agreement—trolley car service, light railway and public motor car services, which are intended to feed the lines of the main tramway, and it seems desirable that the Ordinance relating to the tramway shall also contain a similar clause with regard to the feeding lines, in case of the insolvency of the Company, failure to carry on the service, and for the purchase by the Government of the undertaking at the end of a certain number of years. I should say that the amendment to article 23 and the amendment to

RAINFALL IN JUNE.

June 22 the Wettest Day.

The rainfall recorded during June at the botanic gardens was as follows:

Date.	Inches.
1st	"
2nd	"
3rd	"
4th	"
5th	.06
6th	.65
7th	2.12
8th	.90
9th	.11
10th	—
11th	—
12th	—
13th	.02
14th	.01
15th	—
16th	.03
17th	.09
18th	.18
19th	.05
20th	.31
21st	4.78
22nd	1.24
23rd	.09
24th	1.91
25th	.10
26th	—
27th	—
28th	—
29th	—
30th	.01
Total	12.68 inches.

"WHITE WOLF" VICTIM.

Compensation for Murdered Missionary.

The Chinese Government at Hankow has paid to the Norwegian Vice Consul there a sum of 20,000 taels (about £5,000) as compensation for the murder of Dr. Fjordland, the Norwegian missionary, by "White Wolf" brigands during the sacking of Lao-Hc Kow last March.

TYphoon WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 9.30 a.m. to-day:—

Cyclone or Typhoon N. of Yap, moving N.W.

article 33 have been accepted by the promoters, but they have taken some exception to the proposed amendment to article 24. I beg to move, therefore, sir, as an amendment to the original motion, that Council approve the draft laid on the table on the 2nd July, 1914.

The Colonial Secretary:—I beg to second the amendment.

His Excellency the Governor:—The questions that the motion b3 amended by the deletion of the 4th June and the substitution therefor of the words 2nd July, 1914, and that the motion as amended be adopted. Those in favour say "Aye." The contrary "No." The "Ayes" have it.

Estate Duty Bill.

Speaking to a point of order, the Hon. Mr. Hewett said, with reference to the next item on the agenda,—the Estate Duty Bill,—which was marked as not to be proceeded with at this meeting, the Unofficial members had had two meetings on the subject, and he had been asked to request that it should not be proceeded with for six weeks—they might possibly ask for a further extension—before it came on for second reading.

He thought the reasons were obvious, but if it was desired that Unofficial members should state reasons for asking for the extension of time they were prepared to give them.

His Excellency the Governor:—No objection to holding it over for six weeks. Council adjourned sine die.

ALLEGED WRONGFUL DISMISSAL.

(Continued from page 4.)

Mr. Faithfull:—"I put it to you that the broker paid you \$31 in respect of a contract for 1000 piculs of peanuts?—No."

You say he did not pay you that?—He did not.

I put it to you that, on about May 7 or 8, two or three days after you were discharged by the defendant, the same broker paid you another \$31 at your house at 8 o'clock in the evening?—No, he did not.

Mr. Faithfull in addressing the jury for the defence said that his client was justified in printing the notice complained of. It was not intended to convey that the man was a thief and they did not intend to say he was dishonest.

Mr. Bens, the defendant's manager, in the box said that, maybe two or three days before May 4, he gave the plaintiff instructions to write a letter which had to leave by mail for Italy on May 5, at 10 a.m. Before leaving the office on May 4 he had a conversation with the plaintiff about the letter, which he wanted to sign if complete. It was nearly finished and witness said "You must finish the letter to night." The plaintiff said he would rather come in half an hour earlier the next morning to finish the letter. This arrangement was made, but he did not turn up at 9 or 9.30 o'clock, and witness had to break open plaintiff's desk to get the letter and send it off. In consequence

of the plaintiff not coming to the office witness thought he had gone to the godown, but at 10 o'clock in the absence of the plaintiff he sent Mr. Ghezzi to see if he was there. If Xavier was there Ghezzi was not to wait, but, if not, when the plaintiff did arrive he was to be told to go to the office.

A month or two before that there was some question of freight charges and the plaintiff wanted to make his own decision instead of receiving witness' order.

Mr. Faithfull:—"He wanted to 'boss' the show?—Yes.

Witness considered he was justified in discharging the plaintiff. He had disobeyed orders by not coming to the office at 9 a.m.

During the time the plaintiff was in his employ, there were occasions on which he had come into the office—especially after the receipt of salary—shaking and under the influence of liquor.

Mr. Russ:—"That is not under the influence of drink; that is nerves.

His Lordship:—"Was he ever drunk in the office?—No; if that had been the case I should have called the police.

Mr. Russ:—"Mr. Ghezzi has the plaintiff's position?—He was my only assistant in the office.

The only reason why you dismissed Mr. Xavier was because he did not turn up that morning?—Yes.

You did not dismiss him because he took secret commissions because you did not know?—No.

Do you say you dismissed him on May 5 because he was drunk on November 10?—That is the only time I saw him drunk.

That is absolutely the only evidence of drunkenness you have?—Yes.

Questioned on the matter of the N.Y.K. mistake of April 10 witness said the plaintiff did say something to him.

Mr. Russ:—"On the consignment of April 10 he told you they had made a mistake of £50. Was it not then you got excited and said it was no business of his; it was not necessary to complain?

That was the first time you commenced to complain against him, because he stated it would be more honest to pay the other £50?—I don't know. He was

always interfering in things that were nothing to do with him.

Mr. Russ:—"Trying to keep you honest in business methods?"—

Witness:—"Just so.

His Lordship:—"He did not understand that (Laughter).

Witness (continuing):—"I object to my clerk making such suggestions to me.

Mr. Russ:—"As long as your clerks make suggestions which are likely to lose your firm money you object.

Witness:—"Everything I object.

Mr. Russ suggested that on May 5 there was another shipment by the N.Y.K. boat to be made and that if the N.Y.K. were to make a mistake he wanted the complainant to be out of the way so that he could not point it out. Witness would not agree with the suggestion.

He denied that the plaintiff had anything above the rank of an ordinary clerk.

Witness after tiffin denied that the insertion of the notice was malicious.

Since Xavier left he had done three times better business. Since Xavier had gone he had to get two men from home.

Mr. O. Ghezzi, in the employ of the defendant, said he considered himself No 2 to Mr. Bens. On May 5 he was sent to the godown at West Point by the last witness. Mr. Bens had instructed him to tell Xavier to go to the office. Plaintiff turned up at 11.45 a.m. and he did not turn up to the office at once. Witness was sampling peanuts at the time, when the plaintiff, who was not in a sober condition, interfered with the copies. Witness was a doctor in chemistry and considered himself a competent judge of the quality of peanuts. Plaintiff used filthy language to witness and wanted to fight. At last he left the godown and witness did not see the plaintiff until at the office at 2.15 p.m. It was untrue to suggest that he, witness, wanted to take plaintiff's position.

Li Hung Cheung, the defendant's compradore, deposed that he, witness, wanted to take plaintiff's position.

Lum Kee-shan, a broker, had a contract submitted to him in the box. Witness said he signed it and he made an arrangement with Xavier to pay him a commission under it. Xavier said that in this case witness need not pay the commission to the compradore's department, but to himself. He had paid plaintiff \$82 in all under the arrangement, \$31 in the street, and the balance at witness's house.

The jury found for plaintiff on the question of wrongful dismissal and he was awarded \$250 damages.

The jury, by a majority, found against the plaintiff on the question of libel.

HONGKONG ASSESSMENT.

New Valuation Completed.

Increase in Rateable Value of 15.87 Per Cent.

There was laid on the table at the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon a report on the assessment of the Colony for the year 1914-15, as prepared by Mr. Arthur Chapman, the Assessor. It states:—

By order of His Excellency the Governor-in-Council, I have made a new valuation of the whole Colony, with the exception of some of the outlying small Chinese villages.

The result of the new valuation is that the rateable value of the whole Colony has increased from \$12,435,812 to \$14,410,103, an addition of \$1,974,291 or 15.87 per cent.

The City of Victoria.—The rateable value has increased from \$10,337,737 to \$11,945,570, an addition of \$1,608,833 or 16.69 per cent.

The Hill District.—The rateable value has increased from \$298,863 to \$322,585, an addition of \$23,722 or 7.93 per cent.

Shaukiwan, Siwanho, and Quarry Bay.—The rateable value has increased from \$370,040 to \$377,032, an addition of \$6,992 or 1.88 per cent.

Hongkong Villages.—The rateable value has increased from \$133,413 to \$164,914

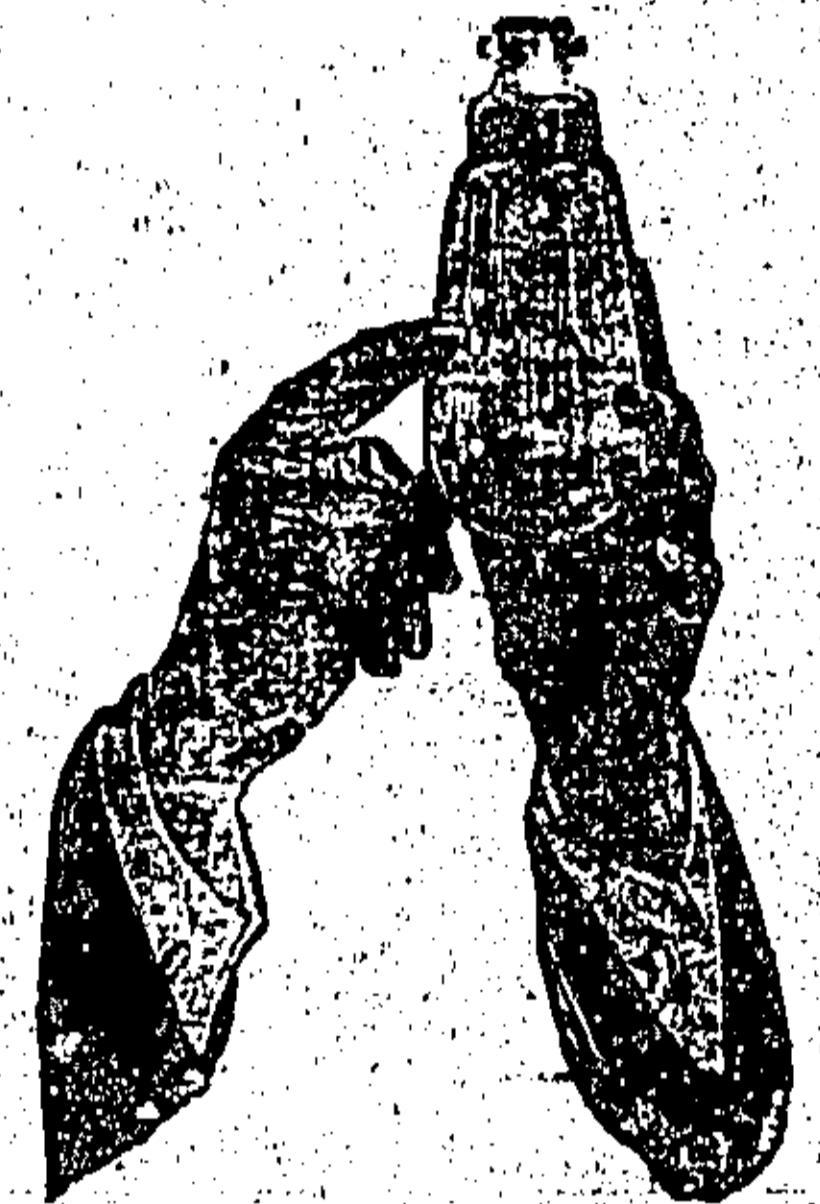
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During the month in which work has been resumed at the Hupch Cement Works, 20,000 tons of high grade cement have been exported to Hankow. The cement is stated to be of a superior quality under the new direction which now has the assistance of eight foreign engineers.

New Japanese Company.
A company has been formed in Japan to take over as a joint undertaking the coal mines at Arita, Nakatsuka, Muta, and Sensui. The new company will be known as the Keigyo Kabushiki Kaisha and will have a capital of Y3,000,000.

Antimony at Ichang.
A company have been formed at Hankow, with a capital of \$800,000 to work the rich antimony deposits on Wu Lung Mountain in the vicinity of Ichang. It has been known for some time that the mountain is rich in antimony and the translator of the Russian Consulate has subscribed \$200,000 of the proposed capital, the remainder being available for public subscription. The company will be known as the Yuan Shew Company and will commence work as soon as the titles of the land required have been transferred.

Sinkiang Currency.
The Provincial Bank of Sinkiang has issued two kinds of notes, viz.: dollar notes and red cash notes. As the issue is strictly limited in accordance with the local demand, both notes circulate simultaneously with metallic money and no depreciation has ever occurred.

Shanghai Freight Report.
Messrs. Wheelock and Co.'s (Shanghai) Freight Market Report of June 25 states:-

There is not much to add to our remarks of a fortnight ago as regards the Homeward Freight markets either to Europe or America, and at the moment of writing business is quiet, although there are numerous enquiries for tonnage to Europe for July-August shipment.

Coastwise.—We have no information to report in this market, if anything, it is even more at a standstill than when we last wrote; the summer months are now, on us when the China coasting trade is always dull, but this year it is quieter than usual. The south reports an equally "lifeless" market and we are afraid it is useless to look for any revival before the Autumn.

The Pinghsiang Coal Mines.
The following is a petition addressed to the Governor of Kiangsi by the Kiangsi residents in Peking, protesting against the plan of amalgamation of the Bureau of Pinghsiang Mines, with the Han-Yeh-Ping Company, and requesting that it be bought back by the province.

Prince Tsai-Chen to Become Minister.
It is rumoured that as Mr. Chang Chien, the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, has left the Capital for the South on a furlough of two months, which leave has already expired without any confirmed news of his return, it is generally believed that Minister Chang will not return to his post, and that Prince Tsai-chen will be appointed to succeed him, as he had achieved some merits in the Board of Commerce of the late dynasty.

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THE KING AND THE PRESS.

"A Daily Debt of Gratitude."

Mr John Redmond was the guest at the annual dinner of the Parliamentary Press Gallery held at the Hours of Commons on 15th May. Mr W. J. Flynn presided. The chairman dispatched a loyal message to the King, and the following reply was received from Buckingham Palace:—

The King cordially thanks the members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery gathered together for their annual dinner with Mr. John Redmond as their principal guest for their kind message, and desires me to transmit to them his good wishes for happy evening. His Majesty recognises the daily debt of gratitude which he and his subjects owe to the members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery.

GERMAN LINES AND NEW ZEALAND.

British shipowners have now to face a new situation created by a proposal of German companies to inaugurate a direct service from the Continent to New Zealand. Hitherto, says the Times, all the cargo from Germany has been brought to the Thames and shipped thence in British ships. Now the Norddeutsch-Lloyd and the Deutsch-Australische Gesellschaft have let it be known that they contemplate maintaining a service of their own from Bremen and Hamburg, and leading British owners have just visited Germany with the idea of trying to arrange a settlement of present difficulties. Negotiations between the British and German companies are still proceeding and are now at a rather delicate stage. There seems good reason though for thinking that an amicable arrangement will be arrived at; but in any case British owners would not consent to being driven out of the trade between the Continent and a British Possession. Presumably, in the event of the failure of the negotiations, they would arrange to load direct on the Continent, and a rate war would follow.

No doubt one of the motives behind this development is the encouragement of the export trade from Germany to New Zealand. Besides wool, very little produce is at present exported from New Zealand to Germany, and it is thought that the steamers would load homeward for Europe at Australian ports, which are already well served by German shipping. Frozen meat, shipped in enormous quantities from New Zealand, may not be taken into Germany. At a time when it is proposed to abandon the German mail and passenger service to Australia there could hardly be any question of entering the Hamburg-American line and the North-German Lloyd, and we have had the feverish foundation of special societies for the furtherance of Germany's trade with most countries under the sun.

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END OF A DARING PROJECT.

OLYMPIA HORSE SHOW.

Mr. Walter Winans.
Notable Feat.

In spite of the fact that there is no "circus" feature, like the Arabs' rough riding of last year, the Horse Show at Olympia has lost none of its power to attract, says the *Globe* of June 5, and there was again a large attendance this afternoon. Those who visit the show are interested primarily in the competition classes. They go to see good horseflesh.

If anything, the programme was more interesting than yesterday's, as there was a fine class of novice tandems, in which the novelty shown aroused a good deal of applause. It was largely a ladies' day too, conspicuous items being the judging of government cart ponies and of ladies' selected hacks.

The afternoon ended with the jumping trials, in which the same feature is noticeable as was observed last year. The French and Russian horses take the bars more readily, and appear better trained than those which represent England.

During the afternoon the 18th Hussars gave a second exhibition of their wonderful horsemanship, which is to be a feature of the show at every session. At one point, the troop—which is mounted on ordinary £40 Army horses—divide into two halves and simultaneously charge to meet each other at a narrow fence.

As the jump is taken the riders are practically knee to knee. Perfect accuracy and straight riding are obviously essential or the risk of rather a nasty spill.

To-night the riding horses over 15 hands will be judged, in addition to classes of harness horses, single and in pairs. Oceania's donkeys will also figure on the programme for the first time.

It is announced that already the extensive accommodation within the mediaeval castle walls is booked up for the Royal visit on Monday, when the chief feature of the programme will be the officers' jumping contest for the King Edward VII Gold Challenge Cup, which King George will probably present to the victorious team.

In the contest for the Newport Cup for light harness roadsters or trotters, to be shown undocked, which opened the afternoon proceedings, all ten competitors were the property of Mr. Walter Winans. He himself drove the chestnut Bonny View, which won the first prize.

In Class 13, for novice tandem horses not exceeding 15 hands, Mel Valley's Bauble and Mel Valley's Fire, the property of the late William Foster, were given first prize; Primrose of Whitigate and Peacock Sensation, owned by Mrs. F. E. Judson, of Buenos Ayres, were second, while the same exhibitor took the third prize with Kitty Melbourne and Melbourne Smoke.

Such is the tragic end of the Caps to Cairo Expedition, which started so auspiciously, the King himself receiving us at Buckingham Palace, and wishing us God-speed, the Duchess of Argyll christening the car, the Governor-General presenting us with a flag, and large bodies of friends in Cape Colony bidding us farewell.

Wilson and I are returning to Broken Hill, leaving the car at Kaishi.

In its leading article the *Telegraph* points out that it is by an irony of circumstance common enough in the experience of men, that Captain Kelsey, who risked with a light heart so many foreseen dangers in his adventure, has lost his life through a mishap quite unconnected with the special risks of the journey.

"He was preceding the car, which was being refitted for the advance into the wildest part of Central Africa, at the Chitambo Mission. One day, while hunting, he wounded a leopard, which escaped into long grass. Afterwards, understanding that the animal was dead, he went to recover the carcass, only to find the leopard alive and dangerous.

"Even now it was only the jamming of the mechanism of his rifle that sealed his fate; he was unable to check the rush of the infuriated beast, and was seriously injured before one of the native hunters, with admirable pluck, dragged it by main strength off Captain Kelsey's body."

"Mr. Gilliland, the *Telegraph* special correspondent with the expedition, arrived with the engineer in the car some time later to find their leader in a grave condition."

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POST OFFICE.

Mail per ss. Shinyo Maru was received here per ss. Taupo Maru on Tuesday the 30th ult.

The Himalaya, with the Mail from London (via Siberia) of Saturday, the 13th ult., is due to arrive here to-morrow.

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Himalaya 3rd July.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left. London Due. Shanghai June 13. June 29.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY

For Bayard. Per AMERICAN, 1st inst. 8 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per ASSAYE, 3rd July, 9 a.m.

[To make connection with the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, closing at Shanghai.] Br. P.O. at 5 p.m. on Monday, the 6th July.]

Bangkok—Per ANNA, 3rd Inst. 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-

YANG, 3rd July, 10 a.m.

Batavia, Samarang and Scerabur—Per

TJILATJAP, 3rd July, 11 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Moji

—Per INABA MARU, 3rd July, 11 a.m.

Straits, Colombo, India via Bombay—Per

E. F. FERNAND, 3rd July, 3 p.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe

—Per TORILLA, 3rd July, 5 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per JOSWANG,

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SATURDAY, 4th July.

English Mail.

Stralia, Burmah, Ceylon, Adel-

aide, West Australia, India

Aden, Egypt, and Europe via

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mail.—The Far East will be

closed on Friday the 3rd July,

3 p.m.—Per HIMALAYA, 4th

July, 11 a.m.

Straits, Indias via Calcutta—Per A.

APCAR, 4th July, 2 p.m.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per HAI-

YANG, 4th July, 5 p.m.

(To make connection with the Tientsin-

Pukow Railway, closing at Shanghai Br.

O. at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 9th July.)

Wei-hai-wei & Tientsin—Per CHIP-

SHING, 4th July, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 5th July.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN 5th July, 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per PITANLUOK, 5th Inst., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 6th July.

Philippine Is.—Per LOONGSANG, 6th

July, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, 7th July.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-

YANG, 7th July, 10 a.m.

Philippine Is.—Per CHINHUA, 7th July,

3 p.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per SHAOH-

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